

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-791

Application of Central Vermont Public Service)
Corporation for a certificate of public good for a)
temporary meteorological tower)

Order entered: 12/16/2009

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves an application filed by Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("Applicant") on November 16, 2009, requesting a certificate of public good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system.¹ The project consists of a temporary meteorological tower to be built in preparation for the eventual construction of a net-metered wind turbine in Rutland, Vermont.

Notice of the application in this docket was sent by the Applicant to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed net metering project is located on property owned by the Applicant at 2152 Post Road in Rutland, Vermont. The site is adjacent to the Central Vermont Public Service

1. The application was originally filed on October 5, 2009, but was not completed until November 16, 2009.

Corporation District Service Center and Systems Operation Building. Application at Sections 1 and 8, and Attachment.

2. The tower has a height of 113 feet and a diameter of six inches. Application at Section 5 and attachments.

3. The project will be used to collect wind data in preparation for the eventual construction of a net-metered wind turbine at the site. The project will be used to collect data over a three-year period. CVPS response to Board memorandum, dated November 12, 2009; e-mail from CVPS, dated December 8, 2009.

4. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8.

5. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. CONCLUSION

In Docket No. 6181,² the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

2. *Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies*, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that

1. The proposed temporary meteorological tower, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.
2. The tower and all associated equipment shall be removed from the site within three years following its installation.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of December, 2009.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 16, 2009

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.